

HIGH PRICES FRENCH TOLL

People Are Undernourished
and Overworked, Dying
Dying Like Flies

WOMEN NATION'S HOPE

They Now Own and Operate
Farms Formerly Run by
Husbands.

By United Press.
PARIS, Aug. 15.—(By Mail).—"If you want to rent a house in Paris today you have to wait until somebody dies," was the statement of Mme. Marcelle Robert-Cremieux, daughter-in-law of Senator Robert-Cremieux.
"House-renting agents arrive before the undertaker to list the late renter's home."
The cities are crowded, not only because there is no building going on now, even after four years of war, but because the country people are not going back

to the farm since they learned that wages in the city are higher.
Mme. Robert-Cremieux told of her apartment-hunting experience. It sounded like America. She hunted for a year—then had to stay where she was living.
"The day has passed when Americans can bring a small fortune to France and live comfortably the rest of their lives," she said.
"You used to get lovely homes with large living rooms, four bedrooms and two baths for 6,000 francs. Today they are over 13,000 francs with money deposits—and then you don't find them."
"Oh living is very dear for the French. The exchange on dollars is high and you do not notice. But poor France! Ten departments invaded, no coal, limited transportation, no building for six years!"

WHAT MEAT COSTS
This charming, educated woman, who looks after housekeeping and marketing herself, compared market prices.
"Cheap cuts of beef are 14 francs a kilo, about 75 cents a pound and a leg of mutton costs about \$4. But vegetables are cheap. Wheat flour is high and still mixed with rye flour, as in war times.
"France is today paying more for every article than she did in the most dangerous period of the war."
But Mme. Robert-Cremieux and other women of her class can pay the prices. How the poor French mother is keeping

family together is learned of Mlle. Perrin, head of the Stars and Stripes bureau of the American Red Cross.
During the war and the following months, Mlle. Perrin has been director of 3,000 French families. Members of the American Legion adopted the children of 3,000 French soldiers killed in the war.
Under the bureau, 700 mothers of the 3,000 have become self supporting, no longer needing the assistance of the Red Cross.
"But the women are giving out," said Mlle. Perrin. "They have worked too hard for their children and eaten too little themselves. We send the children to the country for 150 francs a month and let the mothers rest."

"Dying Like Flies"
"But the French people are giving out. They are dying like flies," said a French dressmaker, who told me of six acquaintances who had died during the week.
"Overwork, too little food! Reaction from the terrible strain during the war! They catch any disease that comes along."
"This dressmaker tells me that she has an entirely new client: wives of manufacturers, instead of officers' wives who are now at home making their own clothes and even doing their own wash. They no longer need or can pay for Madame Liberge's gowns.
They no longer visit gay tea shops with beaux, as they did during the war.

The afternoons are no longer a time for lively scenes and well-dressed women. And all this has occurred since war times, everyone agrees.
Madame Liberge confirmed what Madame Robert-Cremieux said.
"The women don't want to go back to the farms where lovely hand-embroidered garments seen in Paris shops are made. They can earn more in cities. Today I pay my apprentices 30 francs. Yesterday I paid ten."
The lovely creations in gowns are few, but the dainty underwear is still plentiful. However, the quality of silk and mullins is not so good in the new stocks. Gloves that used to cost four or five francs, about \$1 in the old days, now cost 27 francs and the finest 50 or 65 francs. Silk and cotton gloves are all that the French women can afford.
"Everything in our stores is bought by the tourists," the shopkeepers say.

LEATHER IS SCARCE
Leather is still scarce and shoes that were 25 francs before the war are now four times that amount.
And when you go to some of the battle fields you can understand how the French peasants can sell their vegetables and fruits so cheaply. Around Chateau-Thierry fruitful farms flourish again. You can scarcely tell that garden patches had ever been disturbed by anything more deadly than a plowshare.
It was asked of an intelligent farmer

on the train how rural France could recover so soon when so many men had been taken in the war.
"Madame learned how to run farms as well as bake shops and groceries in the absence of the husband who did not come back, in so many cases," he replied.
"And while the whole world criticizes France because she does not tax her people yet the government will get it back indirectly."
"We have more money to spend. Today land is cheap and the women as well as the men are buying land. You would be surprised at the number of farms that

are owned and run by our women today.
"France could not come back to life but for the women who are running the business, as well, if not better, than their husbands who were killed in the war."
PHONE OWNER TO QUIT
California Woman Would Discontinue Her Exchange.
By United Press.
CAMBRIDGE, Cal., Sept. 1.—Cambridge's telephone system wants to suspend operations.
Its owner and general manager, Mrs.

G. Guerra, has petitioned the state railroad commission to permit her to discontinue service to her 114 subscribers. She sets forth she is 55 years old, in poor health and unable to get competent help.
Mrs. Guerra's rates are 50 cents a month for subscribers furnishing their own instruments, and \$1 a month if she installs her own outfit.
He Can't Be Executed.
Two years ago a German prisoner of war named Hopp was tried by court-martial for the murder in atrocious cir-

cumstances, of a farmer's wife and daughter. He was condemned to death, but it is now found that he cannot be executed, and it would seem that he will have to wait in prison all his life as a condemned man whose sentence can neither be removed nor carried out. In the Berne convention of 1918 the Allies and Germany agreed not to carry out sentences on prisoners of war. It was meant to insert in the Peace Treaty a clause enabling the Allies to deal with flagrant crimes, but at the last moment it was omitted.—London Chronicle.

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